

Report Title:

Constitutional Amendment; UH; Board of Regents

Description:

Amends article X, section 6, of the Hawaii Constitution to modify the appointment process for the UH Board of Regents.
(SB1256 HD1)



A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 6, OF
THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO MODIFY THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS
FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to propose an
2 amendment to article X, section 6, of the Constitution of the
3 State of Hawaii to modify the University of Hawaii board of
4 regents' appointment process.

5 It is the intention of the legislature that the existing
6 members of the board of regents of the University of Hawaii
7 serve their full terms of office. As each term expires, the
8 regent will be replaced by an appointed member screened and
9 proposed by the candidate advisory council.

10 SECTION 2. Article X, section 6, of the Constitution of
11 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

12 **"BOARD OF REGENTS; POWERS**

13 **Section 6.** There shall be a board of regents of the
14 University of Hawaii, the members of which shall be nominated
15 and, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, appointed
16 by the governor[-] from pools of qualified candidates presented
17 to the governor by the candidate advisory council for the board



1 of regents of the University of Hawaii, as provided by law. At
2 least part of the membership of the board shall represent
3 geographic subdivisions of the State. The board shall have the
4 power to formulate policy, and to exercise control over the
5 university through its executive officer, the president of the
6 university, who shall be appointed by the board. The board
7 shall also have exclusive jurisdiction over the internal
8 structure, management, and operation of the university. This
9 section shall not limit the power of the legislature to enact
10 laws of statewide concern. The legislature shall have the
11 exclusive jurisdiction to identify laws of statewide concern."

12 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
13 be as follows:

14 "Shall the governor be required to select board of regents
15 candidates from a pool of qualified candidates screened and
16 proposed by a candidate advisory council for the board of
17 regents of the University of Hawaii as provided by law?"

18 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
19 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
20 underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This part shall take effect upon compliance
2 with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of the State
3 of Hawaii.

